

# TUYỂN CHỌN ĐỀ THI HỌC SINH GIỎI LỚP 8

## ĐỀ SỐ 02

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### SECTION A: LISTENING



Nghe-Đề 2 (TP.TH).mp3

**Part I. Listen to the dialogue and fill in each blank with ONE WORD AND/OR A NUMBER (5 points)**

#### Wayside Camera Club membership form

Name: Dan Green  
Email address: (1) \_\_\_\_\_ @market.com  
Home address: 52 (2) \_\_\_\_\_ Street, Peacetown  
Heard about us: from a (3) \_\_\_\_\_  
Reasons for joining: to enter competitions  
To (4) \_\_\_\_\_  
Type of membership: (5) \_\_\_\_\_ membership

**Part II. You will hear about presentation about sports science research on left and right handedness. Listen and decide which of the following sentences will be True (T) or False (F). (5 points)**

Statements	T	F
6. Mathews has researched several different blogs.		
7. Three main types of laterality are mixed, single and cross-laterality.		
8. The single-handed players were less comfortable than mix-handed hockey counterparts.		
9. Cross hand-eyed favouring is the best because it aids balance.		
10. There was the only one kind of sports mentioned in the passage.		

**Part III. You will hear the changes in Barford over the last 50 years. Listen and choose the correct answer for each question. (5 pts)**

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**11.** The student in Akira Miyake's study were all majoring in \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. physics.
- B. psychology or physics.
- C. science, technology, engineering or mathematics.

**12.** The name of Miyake's study was to investigate \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. what kind of women choose to study physics.
- B. a way of improving women's performance in physics.
- C. whether fewer women than man study physics at college.

**13.** The female physics students were wrong to believe that \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. the teacher marked them in an unfair way.
- B. the male student expected them to do badly.
- C. their test results were lower than the male students.

**14.** Miyake's team asked the students to write about \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. what they enjoyed about studying physics.
- B. the successful experiences of other people.
- C. something that was important to them personally.

**15.** What was the aim of writing exercise done by the subjects?

- A. to reduce stress.
- B. to strengthen verbal ability.
- C. to encourage logical thinking.

## SECTION B. PHONETICS

**Question I. Choose the word whose underlined part is pronounced differently from the rest in the same line. (3 points)**

**16.** A. comunity      B. comprise      C. computer      D. compromise

**17.** A. garage      B. shortage      C. storage      D. carriage

**18.** A. crooked      B. hooked      C. clicked      D. plucked

**Question II. Find the word with the stress pattern different from that of the other three words in each question. (2 points)**

**19.** A. compulsory      B. artificial      C. particular      D. political

**20.** A. commander      B. perspective      C. contribute      D. variable

## SECTION C: VOCABULARY AND GRAMMAR

**Question I. Choose the correct word or phrase to complete each sentence. (10 points)**

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21. \_\_\_\_\_ he began to make friend more easily.

- A. Having entered school in the new city, it was found that
- B. After entering the new school
- C. When he had been entering the new school
- D. Upon entering into the new school

22. I've never understood \_\_\_\_\_ - shopping. If you're going into town, you might as well buy something.

- A. bargain                      B. door                      C. sales                      D. window

23. It is a \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. blue sleeping polyester bag                      B. blue polyester sleeping bag
- C. polyester sleeping blue bag                      D. sleeping blue polyester bag

24. On the battle field \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. the tanks lay                      B. did the tanks lie
- C. lay the tanks                      D. lied the tanks

25. There are two small rooms in the beach house, served as a kitchen.

- A. the smaller of which                      B. the smallest of which
- C. the smaller of them                      D. smallest of which

26. Due to the recent heatwave, air conditioners are high \_\_\_\_\_ demand.

- A. on                      B. in                      C. of                      D. at

27. A little boy fell into the river, but fortunately we \_\_\_\_\_ him.

- A. could be able to rescue                      B. could have rescued
- C. were able to rescue                      D. could rescue

28. Tamara has set her \_\_\_\_\_ on becoming a ballet-dancer.

- A. feet                      B. brain                      C. heart                      D. head

29. \_\_\_\_\_ the invention of the steam engine, most forms of transport were horse-drawn.

- A. With reference      B. Akin                      C. Prior to                      D. In addition to

30. "Do you mind if I take a seat?" - " \_\_\_\_\_ "

- A. Yes, I don't mind                      B. No, do as you please
- C. No, I mind                      D. Yes, do as you please

**Question II. Write the correct tense or form of the verbs in brackets. (8 points)**

31. The woman (help) \_\_\_\_\_ us yesterday is an executive director of a big company.

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32. I would rather (not be) \_\_\_\_\_ absent from the party last night.

33. Why didn't you tell me that you were coming home with David? Then I (not drive) \_\_\_\_\_ all the way into town to pick you up!

34. The boat, which was (take) \_\_\_\_\_ them to the island, failed to arrive.

35. If the patient (not vaccinate) \_\_\_\_\_ as a child, his life would be in danger now.

36. Without their valuable assistance we (never, gather) \_\_\_\_\_ enough money for our son's operation.

37. Recent advances in human embryology and genetic engineering (raise) \_\_\_\_\_ the issue of how this knowledge ought to be used.

38. In 1981, there (believe) \_\_\_\_\_ to be only two experts on the disease in the country.

## **Question III. Supply the correct form of the words in bold. (7 points)**

39. Concerned about the environment, many cities are banning \_\_\_\_\_ plastic bags. (USE)

40. The online conference has set up virtual \_\_\_\_\_ rooms for the discussion of key issues. (BREAK)

41. Space is \_\_\_\_\_ huge and full of exciting things such as planets, moon, galaxies and black holes. (IMAGINE)

42. The historical drama was entertaining, but critics pointed out some \_\_\_\_\_ in its portrayal of major events. (ACCURATE)

43. The unresponsive audience made the lecturer somewhat \_\_\_\_\_. What a shame. (HEART)

44. This statue \_\_\_\_\_ the soldiers who died in the war. (MEMORY)

45. Regular exercise and a balanced diet are key factors that contribute to the \_\_\_\_\_ of a healthy lifestyle. (LONG)

## **Question IV. The passage below contains 5 mistakes (only ONE word for ONE mistake from 46 to 50. Find out the mistakes and correct them.**

**Write the correct answers on your answer sheet (5 points)**

Line	PASSAGE
1	A survey is a study generally in the form of an interview or a

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	questionnaire		
2	that provides information concerns how people think and act. In the United		
3	States, the best-known surveys are the Gallup poll and the Harris poll. As		
4	anyone who watch the news during presidential campaigns knows, these polls		
5	have become an important part of political life in the United States.		
6	North Americans are familiar to the many "person on the street" interviews		
7	on local television news shows. While such interviews can be highly		
8	entertaining, they are not necessary an accurate indication of public opinion.		
9	First, they reflect the opinions of only those people who appear at a certain		
10	location. Thus, such examples can be biased in favor of commuters, middle-		
11	class shoppers, or factory workers, depending on which area the news people		
12	select. Second, television interviews tend to attract outgoing people who are		
13	willing to appearing on the air, while they frighten away others who may feel		
14	intimidated by a camera. A survey must be based on a precise, representative		
15	sampling if it is to genuinely reflect a broad range of the population.		
Question	Line	Mistakes	Corrections
46			
47			
48			
49			
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## SECTION D: READING COMPREHENSION

**Question 1: Read the following passage and then choose the most suitable word or phrase for each space. Write the answer on your answer sheet. (10 points)**

### ROYAL RESIDENCES

Buckingham Palace, Windsor Castle and the Palace of Holyroodhouse are the official (51) \_\_\_\_\_ of the Sovereign and, as such, serve as both home and office for The Queen, whose personal standard flies (52) \_\_\_\_\_. Her Majesty is in residence.

These buildings are used extensively for State ceremonies and Official entertaining and are opened to the (53) \_\_\_\_\_ as much as these commitments allow.

All are furnished with fine pictures and (54) \_\_\_\_\_ of art from the Royal Collection, which has been assembled over four centuries by successive sovereigns. Many of the State Apartments and rooms at the official residences have been in continuous use since their conception and many of the works of art are (55) \_\_\_\_\_ in the rooms for which they were originally (56) \_\_\_\_\_.

The official residences are in (57) use and the style and manner in which they are (58) \_\_\_\_\_ to visitors reflects their working status. Rooms are kept as close to their normal (59) \_\_\_\_\_ as possible. Inevitably, opening times are subject to change at short notice depending on circumstances.

The Royal Collection, which is owned by The Queen as Sovereign in trust for her successors and the Nation, is administered by the Royal Collection Trust to which a proportion of admission and other income from visitors is directed.

The remainder of this income funds the majority of the cost of restoring Windsor Castle which was badly (60) \_\_\_\_\_ by fire in November 1992.

51. A. venues	B. residences	C. situations	D. occupation
52. A. whatever	B. however	C. whoever	D. whenever
53. A. humans	B. public	C. peoples	D. strangers
54. A. paintings	B. statues	C. works	D. jobs
55. A. created	B. explored	C. produced	D. displayed
56. A. instructed	B. intended	C. performed	D. guarded
57. A. local	B. national	C. regular	D. minor
58. A. designed	B. shown	C. given	D. taken

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<b>59.</b> A. feature	B. location	C. destination	D. appearance
<b>60.</b> A. destroyed	B. ruined	C. damaged	D. collapsed

**Question II. Read the following passage and fill in each blank with ONE suitable word. (10 points)**

In the 21<sup>st</sup> century, technology has become a pivotal aspect of daily life, influencing (61) \_\_\_\_\_ from the way we communicate to how we work. The proliferation of smartphones has been particularly transformative, (62) \_\_\_\_\_ people to carry powerful computers in their pockets. Social media (63) \_\_\_\_\_ have altered the landscape of interaction, connecting individuals (64) \_\_\_\_\_ the globe. Meanwhile, (65) \_\_\_\_\_ robotics are creating new possibilities in medicine and engineering. As society moves towards a more digital world, the issue of cybersecurity becomes increasingly important, with users seeking ways to protect their (66) \_\_\_\_\_ data. Education has also embraced technology, with virtual classrooms and online resources becoming the (67) \_\_\_\_\_. However, this digital shift (68) \_\_\_\_\_ questions about the reliability of information and the importance of critical thinking. Looking ahead, the potential for autonomous cars and the promise of (69) \_\_\_\_\_ energy sources hold the power to dramatically reshape our environmental impact. Ultimately, the ongoing development of technology (70) \_\_\_\_\_ exciting opportunities, but also requires careful consideration of its effects on society.

**Question III. Read the passage and choose the correct answers to the questions below. (10 pts)**

Choosing a career may be one of the hardest jobs you ever have, and it must be done with care. View a career as an opportunity to do something you love, not simply as a way to earn a living. Investing the time and effort to thoroughly explore your options can mean the difference between finding a stimulating and rewarding career and move from job to unsatisfying job in an attempt to find the right one. Work influences virtually every aspect of your life, from your choice of friends to where you live. Here are just a few of the factors to consider.

Deciding what matters most to you is essential to making the right decision. You may want to begin by **assessing** your likes, dislikes, strengths, and weaknesses. Think about the classes, hobbies, and surroundings that you

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find most appealing. Ask yourself questions, such as “Would you like to travel? Do you want to work with children? Are you more suited to solitary or cooperative work?” **There are no right or wrong answers;** only you know what is important to you. Determine which job features you require, which ones you would prefer, and which ones you cannot accept. Then rank **them** in order of importance to you.

The setting of the job is one factor to take into account. You may not want to sit at a desk all day. If not, there are diversity occupations - building inspector, supervisor, real estate agent - that involve a great deal of time away from the office. Geographical location may be a concern, and employment in some fields is concentrated in certain regions. Advertising job can generally be found only in large cities. On the other hand, many industries such as hospitality, law education, and retail sales are found in all regions of the country. If a high salary is important to you, do not judge a career by its starting wages. Many jobs, such as insurance sales, offers relatively low starting salaries; however, pay substantially increases along with your experience, additional training, promotions and commission.

Don't rule out any occupation without learning more about it. Some industries evoke positive or negative associations. The traveling life of a flight attendant appears glamorous, while **that** of a plumber does not. Remember that many jobs are not what they appear to be at first, and may have merits or demerits that are less obvious. Flight attendants must work **long, grueling hours without sleeps**, whereas plumbers can be as highly paid as some doctors. Another point to consider is that as you mature, you will likely develop new interests and skills that may point the way to new opportunities. The choice you make today need not be your final one.

**71.** The author states that “**There are no right or wrong answers**” in order to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. emphasize that each person's answers will be different.
- B. show that answering the questions is a long and difficult process.
- C. indicate that the answers are not really important.
- D. indicate that each person's answers may change over time.

**72.** The word “**them**” in paragraph 2 refers to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. questions
- B. answers
- C. features
- D. jobs



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**73.** The word “**assessing**” in paragraph 2 refers to.

- A. discovering      B. considering      C. measuring      D. disposing

**74.** According to paragraph 3, which of the following fields is not suitable for a person who does not want to live in a big city?

- A. plumbing                      B. law                      C. retail sales      D. advertising

**75.** Those are all the factors you should take into account when choosing a job EXCEPT \_\_\_\_\_

- A. your likes and your dislikes                      B. the atmosphere at work  
C. geographical location                      D. your strengths and weaknesses

**76.** The word “**that**” in paragraph 4 refers to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. occupation                      B. the traveling life  
C. a flight attendant                      D. commission

**77.** It can be inferred from the paragraph 3 that \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. jobs in insurance sales are generally not well-paid  
B. insurance sales people can earn high salary later in their career  
C. people should constantly work toward the next promotion  
D. a starting salary should be an important consideration in choosing a career.

**78.** In paragraph 5, the author suggests that \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. you may want to change careers at some time in the future  
B. as you get older, your career will probably less fulfilling  
C. you will be at your job for a lifetime, so choose carefully  
D. you will probably jobless at some time in the future.

**79.** Why does the author mention “**long, grueling hours without sleeps**” in paragraph 4?

- A. to emphasize the difficulty of working as a plumber  
B. to contrast the reality of a flight attendant’s job with most people’s perception  
C. to show that people must work hard for the career they have chosen  
D. to discourage readers from choosing a career as a flight attendant

**80.** According to the passage, which of the following is TRUE?

- A. To make a lot of money, you should not take a job with a low starting salary.  
B. To make lots of money, you should rule out all factory jobs.  
C. If you want an easy and glamorous lifestyle, you should consider becoming flight attendant.  
D. Your initial view of certain careers may not be accurate.

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## SECTION E: WRITING

**Question I. Finish each of the following sentences in such a way that it is as similar as possible in meaning to the sentence printed before it. (5 points)**

81. David didn't celebrate until he received the offer of promotion in writing.

→ Not until David

82. People believe that Leonardo da Vinci foresaw the invention of the aircraft.

→ The invention of the aircraft

83. The police have to verify the details of everyone taking part in the event today.

→ Everyone taking part in the event today must

84. You only have a short time to do this work, so don't waste time.

→ You are working

85. That reminds me of the time I climbed to the top of Mount Fuji.

→ That takes

**Question II. Finish each of the following sentences in such a way that it is as similar as possible in meaning to the sentence printed before it Do not change the form of the given word. (5 points)**

86. In my opinion, Simon was a fool not to accept their job offer. (DOWN)

→ \_\_\_\_\_ I \_\_\_\_\_ think

87. Alison bought the big house because she wanted to open a hotel. (VIEW)

→ \_\_\_\_\_ Alison \_\_\_\_\_ bought

88. They arrive at the station with only a minute to spare. (NICK)

→ \_\_\_\_\_ They \_\_\_\_\_

89. I've got to persuade the editor not to publish that story. (OUT)

→ \_\_\_\_\_ I've \_\_\_\_\_ got \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ that

story.

90. She couldn't understand anything about what the teacher was explaining in

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class. (HEAD)

→ She couldn't \_\_\_\_\_ what the teacher was explaining in the class.

**Question III. Writing a paragraph on the following topic (10 points)**

*"The youth today heavily rely on technology in various aspects of their lives, including education, entertainment, and maintaining social relationships". Do you agree or disagree withy this statement? In about 130-160 words, write a paragraph to express your idea.*

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